

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:779

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COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION TO FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Committee was set up by the Union Government for the payment of compensation to farmers who were affected by the death of birds due to bird flu in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this committee has recommended to compensate the loss of farmers and devised norms; and
- (d) if so, the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)to(d): No, Sir. Union Government has not set up any committee for the payment of compensation to farmers. However, provision has been made to compensate the farmers for the birds culled/killed during the Avian Influenza control programme. The compensation is paid at Rs.30 per broiler bird, Rs.40 per layer bird and Rs.10 per chick. The amount is shared between Government of India and State Government on 50:50 basis. During the recent outbreak of Bird Flu in the country all the birds culled during the operation were compensated.